West St. March 1. 1839

Friday morning.

Dear Deborah,

I wrote you on Monday last, & have not a great deal now to say. On Tuesday I went to Miss Watson & had my dress tried on. It fitted very well, but it hurt my feelings to give her $1. It was well they ask that I had my gown cut here, for Hannah Nash, I see, is married. I then went taking little Henry to the office & annoyed over & over about your Liberator & Mr Rose's, so if they do not come the office folks are mean indeed. In the after noon I called at Hen nation's. She told me that Kilbreth was confined to his room, with Dr Ware visiting him every day. He was so ill that Mrs Cabot had not seen him I wish I could call on him but as that is out of the case, I can do nothing for him that I see. I believe all our friends are fated to die for want of care. A Board meeting was held this afternoon & an expose written by Garrison was adopted, which I think is a very good thing, tho' he has avoided going into the midst of the hot coal business, but that is reserved to here after. There was no opposition in the Board about it, save from Phelps. He worried not to sign it; not that he appeared to be violently opposed, but he thought it would not do I suppose in his situation. Shipley & Cowpes & Amasa Walker also refused to sign it. Walker said he knew nothing about the matter & refused on that book. Else we think did well as he prints the new paper. In conversation about the pledge Henry told Phelps that the Essex Co. folks had refused to send up the $5.00 they had, & Phelps then confessed that they had no 5.00 that they had depended upon the Lynn fair which was what made them pay they had $15.00.

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A letter came from Sarah Pugh inclosing $10 for the N. E. Soc. and inviting us all in the kindest manner to Philadelphia. Wednesday I was out shopping all day, trying to get my linen cambric for a cape. Mrs Allen called. Mrs Johnson called in the afternoon to try to arrange about a Society meeting which Annie is trying to get up & which Mary Parker is hindering. Caroline came in town for the night. We had a bundle from Weymouth. I wrote to them there by Susan Tufts. Thursday Mrs Merriam called with the Book. She wished Francis has copied some thing into the book. It is very good to be sure, being one of Garrison's best things, but still it is copied. Edmund Jackson has it now. Anne Philbrick & Abby South wick called to say how Mary Parker had managed to obtain calling a Board meeting, still we hope to get it next week. Ellen spoke our minds pretty plainly about Mary. Mr Quincy & Nervey came in town today. Nervey seemed miserably. I should judge from Aunt Mary's notes that she was pretty low in spirits. Perhaps I shall cheer her up. Aunt Priscilla & Phebe were rather miserably at our house as usual. Aunt M. said that she could not write by this chance, but should be writing & would send to you by mail. I called in the afternoon on Mrs Rebecca Butler. Mary Chapman, Geo Davis of Greenfield & Wendell took tea here by invitation & Edmund happened to drop in & stayed. They (Wendell & Davis) went away early to go to the Progress Club, Wendell having been asked to join. They had a little scruple about inviting him fearing his orthodoxy might be alarmed; for instance some of the club had started the question whether Abraham's sacrifice of his son might not be esteemed an Epic poem & they had heard that this might alarm Wendell. I liked Davis pretty well. He is an abolitionist up in politics

has a very good knowledge of general literature and is a tolerably good abolitionist. He is not a peeler at any rate. only more interested about some other things. Bradburn dropped in for a few minutes in the evening. – I send you the letters of the Grimke's & what I wrote in reply. Maria merely uttered a short peroration heart, & I copied her ultra letter from Worcester. Also I send the copy of a note that Maria wrote to Phelps, which he answered very civilly. By the way I fear Phelps' fate is sealed. He has gone to Mary Parker's to board! I dont think he will marry Mary but he will perhaps Elise. I send a letter from S. H. I will take care of Mr Emerson's & Howell's letters & return them. I am going to Worcester to pass the night. I shall go to Weymouth on Monday next, unless there is a meeting on Wednesday but I have been away so long, ever since the 1st of Dec that I long to go home. You must write to me there when you write by mail. It will be dreadful when I get your letters sent through Boston for you know they are here. Give my love to all those I know.

Yrs ever A. W. W.

The peice piqued Consistency was written by George Scott

Is not It C's answer a good one?

Dr Follen died here on Tuesday.

I send you a piece of tape & a pair of eyelet things that Maria had in the house. She brought them at the Fair. I forgot whether you wanted any thing more & the letter is gone to Weymouth.

Miss Deborah Weston.
New Bedford

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Boston

Miss Lee

I send materials for little Ann's apron & one to make it by. The pattern is plenty large enough & the grass cloth stuff is to make a apron for little Ann if you like or not just as you please. Maria puts the whole at your disposal. You can make aprons for the fair. or do what seems to you to good. This is her commission as I go on the ground that charity begins at home you may make me an apron with a pocket, & trim it with pink ribbon - if you can get it.

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